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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ICAO CONFERENCE IN MONTREAL IN SEPT 1975

REF: A. MELBOURNE 0708; B) STATE 126571

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM PYMAN OF ATG IN ANSWER TO OUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN CO-SPONSORING A PROPOSAL TO BE PRESENTED TO ICAO IN SEPT.

2. QTE: I REFER TO YOUR LETTER DATED 4 JUNE WITH REFERENCE TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER NEXT IN RELATION TO LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO CARGO ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS.

WE AGREE THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT SOME PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE IN THE CONVENTION AS TO THE CURRENCY IN WHICH THE LIMITS OF LIABILITY ARE EXPRESSED. WE ALSO AGREE THAT PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE IN SOME FORM WHEREBY THE NEW PROVISIONS IN RELATION TO CARGO WILL REPLACE THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CARGO IN THE GUATEMALA PROTOCOL. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY FIRM DECISION AS TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE PROVISIONS SHOULD BE DRAFTED.

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WE COULD SUPPORT A PROPOSAL TO THE CHANGE THE GUATEMALA
CONVENTION TO PERMIT STATES TO BE FREED FROM THE CARGO
PROVISIONS OF THE OLD HAGUE CONVENTION ONCE THEY HAVE
ACCEPTED THE NEW CARGO PROVISIONS EXPECTED TO BE
ADOPTED AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING IN MONTREAL.

BEFORE WE COULD AGREE, HOWEVER, TO CO-SPONSOR YOUR
GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS AS SET OUT IN YOUR LETTER, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE DETAILS OF THEM
WHICH, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, MAY BE DEVELOPED IN ADVANCE OF
THE SEPTEMBER MEETING BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES.
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